

bed so long to get diseases. Don't you see how I strut before my dame to the barn-door in the morning: I am in perfect health without the aid either of doctor or apothecary; and if you would but go to bed at seasonable hours, and rise as I do, physic would be useless, and the money might be saved to buy barley for me and my companions.

## II.

A lady asked her linnet how he could learn to sing so well? Why, I get up at four o'clock in the morning to practice, Madam, says he, and don't lie in bed till noon as you do.

## III.

A lady, seeing a poor lark in a fallow field, pitied him, and asked him how he could live in that barren place? Madam, says he, I pray to God night and morning and he feeds me.

## IV.

An old miser kept a tame Jack-daw that used to steal pieces of money, and hide them in a hole, which the cat observing, asked why

why he would hoard up things that he could make use of. Says the Daw, my master is full, and makes no more use of them.

## V.

An old goose, who was unable to feed, thus addressed her mistress. You are a pretty white bird, and your charms may be admired by many mirrors, but this you must be far the greatest part of your destruction; therefore, stay close to the pen, my dear, and keep company with some of them without me. Yes, mamma, says the goose, I kissed her and when she comes the Wolf; open the door, says he, for I must walk on, Mr. Long-legs, I have no such company. Several other geese addressed her, but without success. The Fox. Fairest of all, says he, (clapping his hands in a seeming rapture) how